

# State of Women: A County by County Report on Women and Girls in Massachusetts Barnstable County

## Basic Demographics

### Female Population

Total: 117,031

Under 21.....	20.97%
21 to 34.....	12.16%
35 to 64.....	41.75%
65 and over....	25.12%

- Barnstable County has the greatest percentage of women over age of 70 at 18.94%.

### Households, Year 2000

Total: 94,822

Female householder, no husband present...	9.42%
With children under 6.....	15.60%
With children under 18.....	55.93%

## Earnings and Employment

### Median Earnings in 1999

Male.....	\$31,657
Female.....	\$20,188

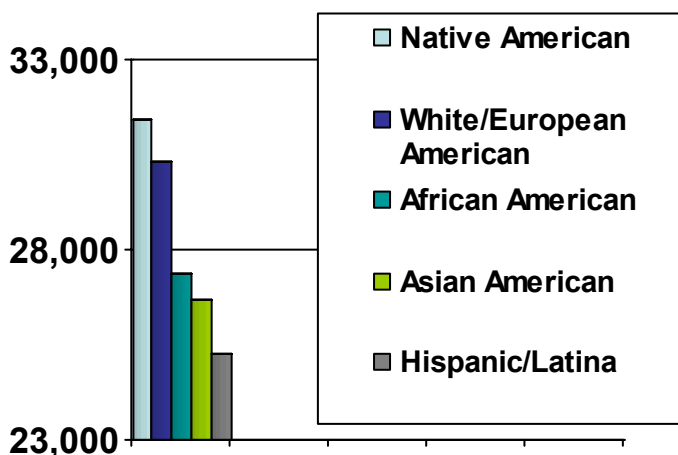
### The Living Wage in 2003

For one Adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....	\$43,700-43,839
For 2 Adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....	\$49,704-49,981

### Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	7.60%
Girls under 5.....	9.00%
Women over 65....	6.08%
Families.....	4.60%

### Median Earnings for Full-Time, Female Workers by Race in 1999



### Employment Status of Women, Year 2000

Employed: 51,338

Unemployed in Labor Force: 2,370

Not in Labor Force: 46,007

- This is the largest percentage (43.95%) of women who choose to stay at home in the state.

## Education

### Female Educational Attainment Age 25+ in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	7.46%
High School Graduate.....	51.49%
Associate or Professional Degree.....	11.95%
Bachelor's Degree.....	19.15%
Master's Degree.....	9.18%
Doctorate Degree.....	0.77%

### 2003 Female Public High School Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....	2.79%
Barnstable County Average.....	2.50%

## Health and Wellness

### Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 105 new mothers (5.40%) in Barnstable County were adolescents of age 20 or younger. Thirty-four percent of these mother reported smoking during their pregnancy—the highest percentage in the state.
- That same year 327 pregnant women (17.00%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 32.40% of new mothers in Barnstable County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 616 women.

### HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 36 women were living with HIV and 27 women were living with AIDS in Barnstable County.

### Smoking

- 16.10% of women in Barnstable County are regular smokers and 37.50% of women reported to be former smokers.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 284 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

## Political Participation in 2006

Females elected to State House: 1 (20%)

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